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(d) The medium of instruction in all Board schools for Muhammadans in the area is Urdu. In other schools to which Urdu sections are attached Urdu munshis are appointed wherever available. Public funds are not utilized for the religious instruction of any denomination. Instruction in hand-spinning has not been introduced in the Muhammadan schools in the area.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether it is the Government or the local boards who start and maintain secondary schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Secondary schools are mostly maintained by local boards and aided bodies."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—' Are there no secondary schools maintained by the Government also ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" There are some."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" In that case, may I know why Government has not started secondary schools in these taluks ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Because we thought that the local boards would serve the purpose equally."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" In view of the fact that the local boards have not started such schools, will Government do it ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think there is any necessity to start."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" With reference to the answer to clause (d) it is stated that the public funds are not utilized for the religious instruction of any denomination. May I know whether Government is aware that under the Education Act when Muslim boys and girls are compelled to go to elementary schools, the Government have to provide religious instruction in these schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" In areas where compulsion has been introduced."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Why do Government say that public funds are not utilized for religious instruction ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It means, in ordinary circumstances."

Number of schools inspected by Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

* 1807 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of schools which the senior or junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools have to inspect and the number allotted to each junior and senior Deputy Inspector for inspection ; and

(b) the average number of visits paid to a school in the course of a year by the inspecting officers ?

A.—(a) A statement [a] showing the number of elementary schools for boys in each district on the 31st March 1928 and the number of senior and junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools employed in

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each district is appended. The Government have no information as to the number of schools allotted for inspection by each Deputy Inspector. The allotment is made by the District Educational Officer concerned.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 104 of the Madras Inspection Code.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" Has the Government received any representation to the effect that the staff of inspectors is inadequate for effective supervision of schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Not that I am aware of."

Aid to depressed class students reading in secondary schools.

*1808 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of students belonging to depressed classes studying in forms I to IV ;

(b) how many of them stay in boarding houses ;

(c) whether any of them are given any help by the Government ; and

(d) if so, how many and how much each on the average ?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Am I to understand that Government is not spending anything under this head hitherto ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" They have been doing so, but information as to what is the amount is not available, but we have called for the information."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether Government will be pleased to call for the information with regard to the figures of Hindu depressed classes separately ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, I will consider that suggestions."

Local Boards

Alleged utilization of the Chingleput District Board lorries for the personal works of the President.

*1809 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff of the District Board Engineering department, and the District Board lorries in the Chingleput district were utilized for the private personal works of the President of the District Board in his village ; and

(b) if the Government have no information, whether they will call for the same ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information. They have called for it.